



Docket No.: SON-2811  
(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Kaoru KOIKE

Application No.: 10/526,359

Confirmation No.: 8957

Filed: March 2, 2005

Art Unit: 2856

For: ALIGNMENT METHOD, ALIGNMENT  
SUBSTRATE, PRODUCTION METHOD OF  
ALIGNMENT SUBSTRATE, EXPOSURE  
METHOD, EXPOSURE APPARATUS AND  
PRODUCTION METHOD OF MASK

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Examiner: Not Assigned Yet

**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S.  
patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.

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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER</b>				Docket No. SON-2811	
Application No. 10/526,359-Conf. #8957		Filing Date March 2, 2005		Examiner Not Yet Assigned	
Art Unit 2856					
Applicant(s): Kaoru KOIKE					
Invention: ALIGNMENT METHOD, ALIGNMENT SUBSTRATE, PRODUCTION METHOD OF ALIGNMENT SUBSTRATE, EXPOSURE METHOD, EXPOSURE APPARATUS AND PRODUCTION METHOD OF MASK					
<b>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS</b>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>					
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	
<b>Total Claims</b>	20	- 20 =	0	x 50.00	0.00
<b>Independent Claims</b>	6	- 6 =	0	x 200.00	0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					
Other fee (please specify):					
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